



Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966

1966 CHAPTER 17

PART IV

PROTECTION OF FISHERIES

OBSTRUCTIONS TO PASSAGE OF FISH

56 Restrictions on the use of fishing engines and rods and lines at or in the vicinity of dams.

- (1) No person, other than a person to whom subsection (2) applies, shall—
- ^{F1}(a) use any fishing engine (other than a rod and line)[^{F2} from any position on a dam or] at any place within[^{F3} 200 metres] above or below any dam; [^{F1} or
 - (b) use a rod and line from any position on or within[^{F3} 5 metres][^{F2} or such other distance as may be prescribed by [^{F4}regulations]] above or below any dam].
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to any person who is for the time being the owner of a several fishery in any place referred to in that subsection, and who is a successor in title of any other person who had exercised in that place the right of taking fish during the period of twenty years immediately preceding 14th August 1850 [^{F1}; and paragraph (b) of that subsection shall not apply in any case or class of case in which it is excluded (either absolutely or upon the observance of prescribed conditions) by [^{F4}regulations].]
- (3) If any person contravenes subsection (1) he shall be guilty of an offence, ...^{F5}.

F1 1968 c.31 (NI)

F2 1991 NI 13

F3 SR 1983/100

F4 S. 56(1)(2): word in Act substituted (1.6.2009) by [Public Authorities \(Reform\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2009](#) (c. 3), ss. 1(3)(b), 7(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 3(1)(c)** (with [Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 4\(3\)](#)); S.R. 2009/172, **art. 2(a)(b)**

F5 1981 NI 7

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966, Section 56.